

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification, paragraphs [0007] and [0034] of Applicant's corresponding published application as follows:

[0007] The present invention is directed to a zoom lens composed of plural groups and adapted to change group spacing or spacings to thereby perform magnification changing or adjusting operation, the zoom lens at least including: a first group at least including a reflection member for bending or folding the optical axis and a negative group (being a negative subgroup of the first group) at an object side relative to the reflection member, and fixed during changing or adjusting operation; a second group movably provided during magnification changing or adjusting operation at an image side of the first group and having negative refractive power; and a light quantity adjustment member fixed during zooming operation, wherein the reflection member is withdrawn at the time of sinking lens barrel so that the negative group of the first group is accommodated into a space thus defined.

[0034] Moreover, an example of the lens barrel sinking system of the zoom lens system of the first embodiment will be explained with reference to FIGS. 14A and 14B. FIG. 14A is a cross sectional view including optical path bending optical axis of the state where the zoom lens system of FIG. 1 is located at the broad angle end (see FIG. 1A). In this state, the reflection mirror M of the first group GR1 is rotated with one end side Ma thereof being as fulcrum so that the reflection mirror M is will be withdrawn as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 14A. Thus, the negative lens G1 of the object side of the first lens group GR1 is caused to undergo lens barrel sinking operation into space defined (formed) as the result of the fact that the reflection mirror M is withdrawn to have ability to thin the thickness in the optical axis direction (the camera depth direction) incident on the zoom lens system. It is to be noted that this also similarly applies to the zoom lens systems of the second and third embodiments which will be described later. Here, while there is employed, in this embodiment, a configuration in which only one negative lens G1 is caused to undergo lens barrel sinking operation into space defined as the result of the fact that the reflection mirror M is withdrawn, in the case where there is employed a configuration

including plural lenses at the object side relative to the reflection mirror M, plural lenses may be also caused to undergo lens barrel sinking operation. Moreover, while there is employed, in this zoom lens system, a configuration in which the reflection mirror M is rotated with one end side Ma thereof being as fulcrum so that the reflection M is withdrawn, the position of the fulcrum is not limited to one end side of the mirror. In addition, while there is employed, in this zoom lens system, the configuration in which the reflection mirror M is rotated with one end side Ma thereof being as fulcrum so that the reflection mirror M is withdrawn, withdrawal operation of the reflection mirror M is not limited to such implementation, but there may be defined a space for accommodating lens group of the object side relative to the reflection mirror M. For example, there may be employed a configuration to move the reflection mirror M in parallel to withdraw the reflection mirror M.

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